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V-C-N

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1. "Common Denominator" Standards?

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-03-09 00:28:24 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 1 Message: 1

One challenge volunteer radio communicators have is the lack of standards within and among all individual and organizational members of an operational area. As a percentage of total radio operators, those actively involved with emcomm organizations (RACES, ARES, ACS, DCS, etc.) comprise a very small number. There needs to be a way to have "unaffiliated" members know what standards are being used, and to "reach out" beyond the organizational structure for support during extended or sustained incidents.

How can we do that without documented standards?

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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2. Standardized Activation Levels

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-03-09 01:58:17 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 2 Message: 2

Establishing a set of standardized activation levels and messages for all volunteer radio communicators within an operational area has numerous benefits. Radio traffic, regardless of the personal communications service (amateur radio, GMRS, FRS, MURS, etc.) is reduced because all radio operators should already know the definition of each level, what it means, and what actions are to be taken. All radio operators are 'more informed' because the information is the same for all. As the incident progresses and requests for resources increase, those radio operators not directly involved will have time to indicate their availability, have time to prepare, and be ready to "answer the call" for immediate support or additional resources.

V-C-N.org proposes these seven activation levels:

Level 0: Normal -- No incident, threats or immediate danger exists.
Level 1: Alert -- Initial notification of an actual or possible incident.
Level 2: Notice -- A volunteer communications organization within the OA has been activated.
Level 3: Stand-by -- Current or possible situation exists.
Level 4: Mobilize -- Notification of full or partial assignment to incident.
Level 5: Deploy -- Full or partial assignment on an incident.
Level 6: Emergency -- Disaster operations mode. Do whatever you can.
Level R: Recovery -- Return to Level 0 as quickly as possible.

The question is...what actions should be recommended or implemented by all volunteer communicators based on these suggested activations levels?

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3. "COAX Connections" e-Zine for Mar/2009 available

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-03-10 17:54:26 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 3 Message: 3

Subscribers to the "COAX Connections" electronic magazine are now reading the Mar/2009 issue. This publication is distributed via the "Bcc:" option as an anti-spamming initiative to mitigate unwanted phishing operations by unauthorized persons. To obtain a "courtesy" copy, please contact me.

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4. OA-Based Exercises for EmComm??

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-06 21:19:05 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 4 Message: 4

With most local, state and federal budget allocations dwindling or becoming restricted, and with increased focus on volunteerism, it seems likely that funding for volunteer communications will be reduced or perhaps eliminated entirely. But even **IF** funding continues, it will likely be focused on those emcomm volunteers supporting government agencies.

Given that such a small percentage of total communications volunteers in any given area actually pledge their support to RACES, ACS, etc., isn't it time to consider the implementation of an operational area (OA) based Exercise Design Committee that is more "inclusive" than "exclusive" and begins to seek ways of using volunteer communications to answer the two big questions of "how big" and "how bad" following a widespread disaster or other catastrophic event?

The Department of Homeland Security spent a considerable amount of money developing the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), including updates to it. Isn't it time we, as volunteer communications specialists or self-proclaimed "professionals" begin to "step up" and at start drafting a document for emcomm?

Comments, anyone?

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5. Earthquake in Itay: Avoid EmComm Frequencies

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-02-07 02:19:14 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 5 Message: 5

Italian Amateur Radio operators are conducting emergency traffic on the
Amateur Radio bands. Andrea IZ2LSC requests all amateur radio operators
to please keep the following HF-band frequencies clear for emergency
traffic: 7045 and 3643.5 KHz.

Please feel free to pass on this information.

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"Focused on preparedness; Dedicated to service."

California ARES, Orange County is comprised of volunteer communicators
dedicated to providing primary or supplemental communications during a
disaster or local emergency when traditional communications systems have
failed or been compromised. Yahoo! Groups Links

6. Welcome Aboard

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-07 15:11:36 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 6 Message: 6

During the last 24 hours, several of you have opted to join either the V-C-N, ZRICS or both reflectors on YahooGroups. Thank you for your decision.

We are just getting started. For the last two years, documentation has been in the process of being drafted and the majority has been published on <http://www.V-C-N.org>. Within the next week, there will be updates published to many of these documents, so you may want to delay reviewing or perusing those at this time. A subsequent e-mail will be sent when the updating process is completed.

There are also several postings in the "message" section of each reflector you may find interesting to peruse as your time permits.

Each project has a different focus. V-C-N focuses on the establishment of "common denominator" standards that can be used by any emergency communicator within an operational area (or "OA"), which is normally defined as the county jurisdiction. This is quite different from ZRICS, which focuses entirely on implementing the Incident Command System within and among OA-based emergency communicators.

The concept of Category "Z" volunteers was adopted to enhance incorporation into the current ICS documentation structure and to deliberately avoid any type of confusion if/when adopted within the ROSS (Resource Ordering and Status System) database. Of course, I am only dreaming, but I have fond memories when many (senior) first responders routinely depended on amateur radio and volunteer communications support at major incidents. Many of the current (younger) leadership within the first responder community looks upon volunteer communications as "untrained" and "undisciplined" ...

These are ambitious projects. There are others also making a sincere attempt to change volunteer communications and begin a new era whereby "emcomm" becomes a viable, respected and (most of all) "requested" resource. Our selected path may be different, but the "end goal" is the same.

One more point of interest, if I may. Visit <http://OrangeCounty.CA-ARES.us>. Select "EmComm Plan" from the menu on the right side and you will see an initial DRAFT of a comprehensive emergency communications plan. When completed, it will be (1) hazard specific (appendices H-?), (2) incorporate specific activation levels, (3) provide for convergent volunteers (they're going to come anyway!!), (4) focuses on the operational area, and other items. Most importantly, however, it is a document "for volunteers, by volunteers" and can (when finished) be used to incorporate all volunteer communications to identify and answer the two important questions immediately following a disaster: "How BIG?" and "How BAD?"

Get familiar. Introduce yourself. Ask questions. We'll get started soon.

Thank you again for your decision.

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7. Expanding the Resource Pool

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-07 15:57:23 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 7 Message: 7

In California, some organizations estimate volunteers resource availability following a disaster at approximately 30% of total registered membership. Approximately 30% may be impacted, another 30% will be lost due to absences, not available because of multiple organization affiliation, vacations, family obligations, etc.

So, we routinely plan for only 30% availability.

If this becomes a reality, then supplemental resources will more than likely be needed to provide (even adequate) levels of communications support within the operational area (OA).

The establishment of "common denominator" standards is designed to provide "non-affiliated" volunteer communicators with the same information used by those "on the inside" of first responder agencies and NGOs within the OA. For example, the adoption of Standardized Activation Levels provides **ANY** volunteer communicator within the OA with information that is more "inclusive" in nature.

Admittedly, nothing is going to stop convergent volunteers from jumping into their vehicle and driving to the scene. But that's why volunteers need to devise an authentication strategy for activating specific resources for a designated assignment, similarly to the fire services on a major wildland fire.

Unless the volunteer radio communications community creates a system, there is nothing to offer to local government, except those few who register with RACES/ACS or other such organization. And those, almost without exception, are so few it is highly probably they will be unable to fulfill all of the assignments requested following a **REAL** disaster.

The question becomes, what concepts or strategies can be used -- in a disaster environment -- to implement an orderly activation based on identify requests for designated resource assignments?

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8. FW: BREAKING NEWS - Sabotage attacks knock out phone service (Bay Area)

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-09 21:10:45 UTC
From: BARRINGER Wayne KB6UJW
Topic: 8 Message: 8

What role should volunteer communications play?
What type of activation would be required?
How many radio operators are available?
What equipment will they bring?
What type of safety briefing would YOU provide?

Is this an isolated instance?
Part of a larger, more organized plan?

-- Wb sends.

Sabotage attacks knock out phone service

Henry K. Lee,Ryan Kim, S.F. Chronicle Staff Writers
Thursday, April 9, 2009

(04-09) 13:21 PDT SAN JOSE -- Vandals cut fiber-optic cable lines belonging to AT&T at two locations early today, knocking out landline and cellular phone service to thousands of residential customers and businesses in southern Santa Clara County, in Santa Cruz and San Benito counties and along the Peninsula, authorities said.

Four AT&T fiber-optic cables were severed shortly before 1:30 a.m. along Monterey Highway north of Blossom Hill Road in south San Jose, police Sgt. Ronnie Lopez said. Two cables, one belonging to AT&T and one to Sprint, were cut about two hours later along Old County Road near Bing Street in San Carlos, authorities said.

San Jose police used yellow tape to cordon off the area where the AT&T cables were destroyed, which is near railroad tracks, as investigators and phone company workers descended into an underground vault where the cables are located.
"We're treating this as a crime scene," Lopez said.

Police in San Jose and San Carlos are sharing information, said Cmdr. Rich Cinfio, a spokesman for San Carlos police. Investigators said they had no suspects in either act of vandalism.

"I'm not sure how it's all connected, but it happened at around the same time," said Crystal Davis, a crisis communications manager for Sprint. "It's concerning."

In both instances, saboteurs had to lift heavy manhole covers to get to the cables. They would have to have been equipped with heavy-duty cutting equipment to slice through the thick rubber coating surrounding the cables.

Most of the service outages were caused by the San Jose vandalism. Among those affected were customers of Verizon and Sprint wireless, which rely on AT&T to carry their phone traffic back to their networks.

The outage knocked out 911 service, meaning people who have an emergency will have to get to a police or fire station or hospital on their own if they need help.

Extra sheriff's deputies, firefighters and police officers are on the streets in the affected areas, authorities said. Additional ambulances are on hand at St. Louise Hospital in Gilroy.

"We're having a more visual presence out there in the field," said Sgt. Don Morrissey, Santa Clara County sheriff's spokesman. "We're out there to be the conduit, if you will. We're trying to bridge that communication gap between emergency services and citizens."

There was no word on when phone service would be restored.

Verizon spokesman Jon Davies said the outage was first reported to the company at 1:25 a.m. He said about 52,000 of the company's landline customers were affected in the Gilroy and Morgan Hill areas. Verizon is the sole provider of land lines in southern Santa Clara County.

Verizon Wireless customers were also affected in southern Santa Clara County and from Watsonville to Scotts Valley in Santa Cruz County.

Sprint said its underground cable in San Carlos was cut about 3:30 a.m., knocking out phones for local business landline users. Sprint was able to restore service to some of its customers by rerouting traffic.

Sprint said at least a few thousand customers were affected.

"We are concerned (about sabotage), but our main issue is to restore service," Davis said. "We'll work with law enforcement after we fix the cut."

Davis said she couldn't recall the last time a concerted effort was made to attack multiple phone lines.

"Fiber cuts happen all the time, usually by accident. Someone is drilling for a water line or a power line," she said. "But a specific act of vandalism, I can't say that I recall it."

The vandalism comes as AT&T is in talks with the Communications Workers of America for a contract covering more than 80,000 employees, who have been working under their old deal since it expired at 11:59 p.m. Saturday. Union members voted in late March to authorize a strike but have not scheduled one.

Candice Johnson, spokeswoman for the CWA, said union members were not involved in the incidents.

"I can state that CWA members have nothing to do with this at all," Johnson said. "There is an investigation going on and we'll fully cooperate. But our

members are working. They're on the job."
<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/04/09/BAP816VTE6.DTL>

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9. YahooGroups Maintenance Schedule

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-11 14:29:00 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 9 Message: 9

On Monday, April 13th, 2009 Yahoo! Groups will undergo scheduled maintenance. During this time your group will be unavailable for 30-60 minutes.

The outage is currently scheduled to begin at 1 pm PT, 8 pm GMT. At this time, 1/4 of all Yahoo! Groups will become unavailable while the team services
these groups. Once maintenance is complete on that 1/4 of Groups, they will be
made available again, and the next 1/4 will become unavailable until all of the groups have been serviced.

In total the maintenance period should last around 5 hours, with the maintenance concluding around 6 pm PT, midnight GMT.

While your group is being serviced, all features of your group, including messages, photos, attachments, etc. will be completely unavailable. However, once your outage time concludes, your group and all of its features should return and any messages that were posted to the group via email during this downtime will be sent out. Please note that your group?s outage should only last around an hour.

In an effort to better communicate to all of you, a blast message will be posted to all groups starting today and continuing on through April 13th, 2009, linking to this post. This message is visible on all groups to all members and moderators.

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10. Paper Signs for EmComm Operations

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-13 15:28:01 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 10 Message: 10

Some organizations have ample funding for their operations. Most volunteer communications organizations do NOT fall into that category. However, with colored paper and a good laser printer, there is no reason why a volunteer communications activity should not have the "look and feel" of a professional organization.

The V-C-N.org web site features a sign library covering a range of topics and situations, including class locations, parking sites, etc. It is under the Logistics Section of the site.

If you would like to see more of the signs that are available, all FREE and in PDF format, please click to:
> http://www.V-C-N.org/EDP/zrics

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11. FW: Citizen Corps News: Webcast on H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-04-30 13:47:45 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 11 Message: 11

Information only...just in case anyone is available and interested.

-- Wb sends.

-----Original Message-----
From: FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
[mailto:fema@...]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2009 18:58
Subject: Citizen Corps News: Join Secretary Sebelius & Secretary Napolitano tomorrow for a Webcast on H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

HHS Secretary Sebelius and DHS Secretary Napolitano will host a Webcast to answer questions from the American people regarding the H1N1 flu (Swine Flu) on Thursday, April 30th at 1:00 PM EDT. They will be joined by Acting Director of CDC, Dr. Besser. The Webcast can be viewed at http://www.hhs.gov/ and http://www.cdc.gov/. Submit questions for the webcast by emailing hhsstudio@....

Additional Community Preparedness news, including Citizen Corps Bulletins, can be found on our website at http://www.citizencorps.gov/.

Sincerely,

The National Office of Citizen Corps
FEMA Community Preparedness Division

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12. [V-C-N] "COAX Connections" e-Zine | 2009-05

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Date: 2009-05-15 14:15:24 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 12 Message: 12

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"Declining Budgets and Program Cuts"

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(2) Promote a regional approach to training for disasters
and volunteer radio operator proficiency.
(3) Provoke readers to "take action" and be active in
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(4) Stimulate ideas regarding toward increased disaster
preparedness, field deployment readiness, and
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13. Question for the reflector...

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-05-23 02:12:25 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 13 Message: 13

Is there anyone on this reflector involved in trying to create or establish standardized activation levels messages within and/or among differing volunteer radio communications organizations across the entire operational area (OA)? If so, please contact me offline and share your progess / frustrations.

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14. Independent Sector | Newsroom - IS Announces 2008 Value of Volunteer Time

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-05-27 03:12:08 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 14 Message: 14

(Washington, D.C., April 13, 2009) -- Independent Sector announces that the 2008 estimate for the value of a volunteer hour is $20.25, an increase from $19.51 per hour in 2007.

Source:
<http://www.independentsector.org/media/20090413_value_volunteer_time.html>

-- Wb sends.

15. Possible "Down" Time

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-06-10 05:02:15 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 15 Message: 15

On Thursday June 11th, 2009 50% of all Yahoo! Groups will be down for (much needed) maintenance. (It's unknown which groups will be among the 50% impacted by the maintenance)

The outage is scheduled to begin between 2 and 3 pm PDT (10-11 pm GMT) and last for up to an hour.

While the maintenance is going on, all group web features, including email messages, photos, attachments, etc. will be completely unavailable. However, once the maintenance outage concludes, any messages that were posted to these groups via email during this downtime will be distributed.

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16. FW: Homeland1 Newsletter: Swine flu pandemic begins

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-06-11 22:12:29 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 16 Message: 16

To enhance your situational awareness and individual preparedness efforts.

Please share with others you feel appropriate.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

Homeland1 Member News
June 11, 2009

View this newsletter online at
http://www.homeland1.com/newsletters/Homeland1-Member-News-Volume-57/

Dear Homeland1 Member,

As swine flu continues to spread, WHO officals have raised the warning level to phase 6, a full-fledged pandemic. In this week's Homeland1 Newsletter, learn what this could mean to public safety practioners. In our Homeland1 exclusive, Jeff Rubin discusses how health care innovations combined with time-tested economics could change the way we handle H1N1-like outbreaks. Also, an 88-year-old white supremacist has been charged with carrying out yesterday's shooting at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, raising questions raising questions about how counter terrorist organizations should approach hate groups.

Visit http://www.homeland1.com today to learn more.

? The Homeland1 Editorial Staff

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17. Information Awareness Bulletin | 2009-06.18-1414

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-06-19 15:13:12 UTC
From: KB6UJW
Topic: 17 Message: 17

Offered to maximize informational awareness.

I have obtained this information from a source I consider reliable.

Please give widest dissemination.

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-----Bulletin Details-----

Terminix Mailing.....Stephen Good, Vice President from Terminix has informed the Post Office that sample promotional mailing will occur in GA, FL, TX, OK, CA, CO, MN AND IL. These packages contain liquid which is supposedly a non-toxic insecticide. Notify all your ESF13 and ESF4 partners. POC is Inspector Brian Burnett at 405.203.0677.

MSDS sheet is attached per the Fusion Center. Unclassified data.

Product Name: TyraTech(tm) TTN-0820 ME-C, SafeShield(tm)

Manufacturer: TyraTech, Inc.

1901 South Harbor City Boulevard, Suite 400

Melbourne, FL 32901

Information and Assistance Phone Number: CHEMTREC 1-800-424-9300

TyraTech Email Contact: info@...
Product Use: Control of insects and other invertebrate pests.

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18. Homeland1 News: Big role for Twitter in flood response

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-09-24 23:46:27 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 18 Message: 18

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Homeland1 Member News
September 24, 2009
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What was the fastest way to get information during this week's floods in
the Southeast? For many, it was reports, photos and videos through
social media like Twitter and Facebook. In this week's newsletter, we
look at the value of social networking in an emergency and at the
recovery efforts just beginning around Georgia as water recedes. Also,
Dr. Richard Gist takes a look at the National Fallen Firefighters
Foundations 2009 Behavioral Health Initatives designed to protect the
mental health of rescue workers.

View this newsletter online at
http://www.homeland1.com/newsletters/Homeland1-Member-News-Volume-72/

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19. V-C-N.org Academy Catalog Updated

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-10-15 22:24:56 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 19 Message: 19

Recent changes in the naming conventions of ZR leadership positions have
have been made to mitigate the approval process in the California
Incident Command Certification System (CICCS).

The Oct/2009 update to the V-C-N.org Academy course catalog includes
those leadership position name changes.

The new catalog (PDF format) is available from:
> http://dev.V-C-N.org

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20. Academy Course "055" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-10-15 22:32:12 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 20 Message: 20

The slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 055 on the topic of
"Organizing 'Events' as 'Incident' exercises for training and
development is now available for viewing and comments.

Visit http://dev.V-C-N.org or the "quik clik" link below:
> http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/055.htm

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21. Category "Z" Radio Operations

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-11-20 17:06:52 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 21 Message: 21

As we all know, change is never easy. And it becomes more difficult as we get older. But the "status quo" of amateur radio as a supplement to local emergency communications is now being challenged all across North America.

Volunteers are typically the "last" to be mobilized following an incident. Mobilization of volunteers requires a "volunteer coordinator" from the agency or organization to be "on scene" and to "be responsible" for the volunteers.

Volunteer coordinators typically (and justifiably so) call members from their own organizations. There may be many who want to volunteer, but only those from the volunteer coordinator's organization will 'get the nod' and be activated for mobilization.

The letter "Z" is two things: (1) the last letter of the alphabet, and (2) non-competitive with other resource designations currently in use by NIMS/ICS and local emergency management agencies.

Volunteers (at all levels) are constantly looking for ways to get mobilized and be involved, yet they are constantly "on the outside" and looking in. This is true with local RACES, with local ARES, and with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) groups.

Category "Z" has been proposed and is being implemented by the Volunteer Communications Network because it is "organization neutral" and can be an advocate for all different volunteer communicators, regardless of their organizational affiliation.

Is this concept viable in your operational area (OA)?

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22. "CCeZ" | 2009-12

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-11-20 17:10:06 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 22 Message: 22

The last issue of the "COAX Connections" e-Zine for 2009 is now being finalized. If anyone on the list has comments regarding issue 2009-11, please get them to me before Nov 24 so they can be included.

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23. Event Checklists

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-11-20 17:17:47 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 23 Message: 23

Does anyone on the list have a checklist for public service events they are willing to share?

Several viewers to V-C-N.org have been asking and maybe it's time to develop and publish one for the site?

Your input would be appreciated.

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24. Fwd: SECRETARY NAPOLITANO PROMOTES HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIPS FOR SAFETY, SECURITY AND HEALTH

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-11-20 23:16:43 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 24 Message: 24

This is a cross-posting of a message received on a different reflector
that may be of interest to you.

-- Wb sends.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: SECRETARY NAPOLITANO PROMOTES HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIPS FOR SAFETY,
SECURITY AND HEALTH
Date: Thu, 19 Nov 2009 12:16:08 -0600
From: Ready Campaign <ready@...>
Reply-To: Ready Campaign <ready@...>
To: kb6ujw@...

*SECRETARY NAPOLITANO PROMOTES HOLIDAY TRAVEL TIPS FOR SAFETY, SECURITY
AND HEALTH*

WASHINGTON?Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet
Napolitano today was joined by the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention?s (CDC) Dr. Anne Schuchat and Transportation Security
Administration (TSA) Acting Administrator Gale Rossides to promote
holiday travel tips and highlight the simple steps travelers can take to
prevent the spread of the flu.

?Following these simple travel tips will help expedite the screening
process at airports and keep travelers healthy and safe throughout the
holiday travel season,? said Secretary Napolitano.

TSA?s holiday travel tips will help decrease the amount of time
passengers spend in line at airport security checkpoints, increase the
overall efficiency of airport operations and enhance security by
engaging passengers in the shared responsibility of watching out for
suspicious activity at airports across the nation.

*_TSA Travel Tips_*

? *Pay attention to your health before traveling*

o The best way to prevent the spread of the flu is to stay home if
you?re sick or have flu-like symptoms.

o The CDC recommends you get both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines.

? *Practice good hygiene while traveling*

o Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.

o Wash your hands regularly to help prevent the spread of germs and illness.

? *Ensure your government-issued ID and boarding pass are out and ready*

o Getting all travel documents together and ready before you get in line will help security officers quickly verify that you, your identification, and your boarding pass match and are valid.

? *Wear easily removable shoes and jackets*

o Wearing footwear that can be easily removed helps speed the process for X-ray screening. Be prepared to remove all shoes, jackets and other outerwear for screening.

? *Take out liquids and laptops*

o Remember the 3-1-1 rule for liquids, gels and aerosols at the checkpoint:

? 3-ounce bottles or less for all liquids, gels and aerosols;

? 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic zip-top bag; and

? 1 bag per passenger placed separately in a security bin for X-ray screening.

o The liquid restriction applies only to carry-on bags. Passengers can pack larger quantities of liquids and gels in checked baggage.

o Be prepared to remove your laptop from its case and place it in separate bin for X-ray screening.

? *Use TSA Family Lanes if you or your family needs extra time or assistance*

o Last year, TSA expanded its popular Family Lanes to every security checkpoint in the United States.

o Family Lanes allow infrequent travelers, those with small children or passengers who need additional assistance to move through security at their own pace. Officers in these lanes work with passengers to screen medically necessary items like baby formula and insulin.

? *Keep an eye out for suspicious activity*

o Transportation security is a shared responsibility. The traveling public plays an important role in keeping holiday travel safe.

o Travelers should report all suspicious activities or items to airport security personnel.

? *Remember TSA?s new Secure Flight program when booking new airline tickets*

o Fulfilling a key 9/11 Commission recommendation, TSA is working with airlines to implement Secure Flight.

o Secure Flight prescreens passenger name, date of birth and gender against government watch lists for domestic and international flights?making travel safer and easier by keeping known or suspected terrorists from obtaining a boarding pass.

o In addition, Secure Flight helps prevent the misidentification of passengers who have names similar to individuals on government watch lists.

o When booking airline tickets, use your name as it appears on the government ID you plan to use when traveling?along with your date of birth and gender. Providing this information will clear 99 percent of travelers to print boarding passes at home.

o Airlines are phasing in this program; if you are not prompted for this information when booking travel or if there are small variations between your name and your reservation, don?t worry?you will still be able to travel.

For more information on these and other helpful travel tips, please visit www.tsa.gov <http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTY0MTY2MyZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELUJVTC02NDE2NjMmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xMjE1NjExNTY4JmVtYWlsaWQ9a2k2a3RxQGdtYWlsLmNvbSZ1c2VyaWQ9a2k2a3RxQGdtYWlsLmNvbSZleHRyYT0mJiY=&&&100&&&http://www.tsa.gov/>.

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25. FEMA Announces First LIVE Webinar in Community Preparedness

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-12-03 04:22:52 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 25 Message: 25

FEMA Announces First LIVE Webinar in Community Preparedness. The Webinar is on December 7 at 1 p.m. Central Time.

Citizen Corps News: FEMA Announces First LIVE Webinar in Community Preparedness Webinar Series-Dec 7 @ 2pm ET via FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) - Subscriptions on 12/2/09

FEMA’s Community Preparedness Division is excited to announce the Community Preparedness Webinar Series. This webinar series will provide up-to-date information on community preparedness topics and resources available to citizens, community organizations, and Citizen Corps Councils. The first LIVE webinar is scheduled for Monday, December 7th at 2pm EST and will provide information on the newly created Citizen Corps Volunteer Liability Guide. It will feature a presentation followed by a question and answer period.

LIVE Webinar: An Introduction to the Citizen Corps Volunteer Liability Guide- Dec 7 @ 2pm ET

FEMA has learned from Citizen Corps Councils, volunteer program managers, and volunteers that liability is a significant concern and a potential barrier to volunteer involvement in emergency services. Liability—legal responsibility for one’s acts or omissions—includes diverse concerns: legally imposed payment of damages for personal injury or property damage; penalties for practicing a profession or trade without the required license or permit; compensation for lost income and medical expenses of an injured volunteer; and damages for breach of contract. To offer guidance in this area, FEMA funded the nonprofit Public Entity Risk Institute to develop the Citizen Corps Volunteer Liability Guide to provide an overview of liability and to suggest some approaches to addressing these concerns.

The Community Preparedness Webinar Series will feature new community preparedness topics several times each month and are free to the public. Each webinar will accommodate the first 500 visitors that enter the website at the time of the webinar. In addition to airing live, the webinar will be recorded and viewable after it completes at your convenience.

If you need special accommodations or require additional assistance to view or listen to this webinar, please email us at citizencorps@... <mailto:citizencorps@...>
no later than 5pm EST on Friday, December 11th and we will provide you will additional resources so you may participate.

More details on this webinar and upcoming webinars in the Community Preparedness Webinar Series are available at:

www.citizencorps.gov/news/webcasts.shtm.

Sincerely,

The National Office of Citizen Corps
FEMA Community Preparedness Division

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26. Academy Course "033" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-12-06 02:08:53 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 20 Message: 26

The DRAFT slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 033 on the topic of
"Introduction to Emergency Communications - Documentation 1" is now
available for viewing and comments.

Visit http://dev.V-C-N.org or the "quik clik" link below:
> http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/033.htm

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27. Fwd: Tech Talk: Disposal of Fire/Smoke Detectors]\

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-12-17 16:15:07 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 27 Message: 27

Slightly off-topic, but may be of interest to those focused on
preparedness.

-- Wb sends.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Tech Talk: Disposal of Fire/Smoke Detectors
Date: Thu, 17 Dec 2009 09:20:07 -0600
From: U.S. Fire Administration <usfa@...>
Reply-To: U.S. Fire Administration <usfa@...>
To: kb6ujw@...

You are subscribed to the U.S. Fire Administrations General
Announcements e-mail list

Please reply to this message if you are experiencing technical
difficulty. For all other inquiries, please Contact USFA
<http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTY2NTY5OCZtZXNzYWdlaWQ
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ations/feedback/index.jsp>.

You are subscribed to the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) General
Announcements E-mail list. This message is also being sent to recipients
of Coffee Break Training.

Tech Talk: Disposal of Fire/Smoke Detectors

The latest edition of /Tech Talk/ looks at the disposal of fire/smoke
detectors. Depending on where you live and what type of fire or smoke
detector you need to dispose of, there may be regulations that apply to
the disposal of scrap detectors.

? Download Disposal of Fire/Smoke Detectors
<http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTY2NTY5OCZtZXNzYWdlaWQ
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ads/pdf/techtalk/techtalk_v1n2_1209.pdf>

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About Tech Talk

Tech Talk provides accurate and timely information on topics of interest
to the fire protection community. Topics are selected based on inquiries
and suggestions that USFA receives from readers. To suggest a topic for

a future edition of Tech Talk, please contact us <http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTY2NTY5OCZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELUJVTC02NjU2OTgmZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xMjE1NjMxOTA3JmVtYWlsaWQ9a2I2dWp3QGFycmwubmV0JnVzZXJpZD1rYjZ1andAYXJybC5uZXQmZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&102&&&http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/feedback/>.

The United States Fire Administration recommends everyone should have a comprehensive fire protection plan that includes smoke alarms, residential sprinklers, and practicing a home fire escape plan.

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28. Santa Clara County "MAC" program

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-12-17 16:37:04 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 28 Message: 28

Santa Clara County (Calif) ARES-RACES is doing something very different
and quite innovative. They have created the Mutual Aid Communicator
(MAC) program for sharing standards and information to any/all emcomm
volunteer in the county. It's an interesting approach...

The web site is:
http://www.scc-ares-races.org/mac/

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29. Fwd: FEMA ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS TO "RESOLVE TO BE READY"

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2009-12-17 22:34:00 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 29 Message: 29

Please provide widest dissemination to all you know.

-- Wb sends.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: FEMA ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS TO "RESOLVE TO BE READY"
Date: Thu, 17 Dec 2009 15:10:20 -0600
From: Ready Campaign <ready@...>
Reply-To: Ready Campaign <ready@...>

/Press Office/

U.S Department of Homeland Security

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FEMA Public Affairs: 202-646-3272

News Release

FEMA ENCOURAGES INDIVIDUALS TO ?RESOLVE TO BE READY?

WASHINGTON - With the New Year approaching, the Department of Homeland Security?s Federal Emergency Management Agency?s (FEMA) /Ready/ Campaign is reminding Americans to /Resolve to be Ready/ in 2010. /Resolve to be Ready/ is an annual initiative encouraging individuals, families, businesses and communities to make preparedness a part of their New Year resolutions.

?This holiday season, as family and friends come together to celebrate, it is also a great time to talk about the importance of being prepared,? said Administrator Fugate. ?Families can start small, by ensuring they have a communications plan in place before an emergency happens, a little bit of planning can make all the difference in an emergency. The public is the most critical member of our national emergency response team, and the more they do now to be prepared, the better our response.?

Being /Ready/ for emergencies can be an easy New Year's resolution to keep by following the /Ready/ Campaign's three simple steps: 1) Get an emergency supply kit; 2) Make a family emergency plan; and 3) Be informed about the types of emergencies and appropriate responses.

Taking these steps and having an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car, will help prepare people for winter power outages and icy roads. Each of these kits should include basic necessities such as water, food and first aid supplies to help you survive if you are without power or become stranded in your vehicle. Complete checklists for each kit are available at www.ready.gov <http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTY2NjE4MiZtZXNzYWdlaWQ9UFJELUJVTC02NjYxODImZGF0YWJhc2VpZD0xMDAxJnNlcmlhbD0xMjE1NjMyMzMzJmVtYWlsaWQ9a2I2dWp3QGFycmwubmV0JnVzZXJpZD1rYjZ1andAYXJybC5uZXQmZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&http://www.ready.gov/>.

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30. Fwd: Warning on 2010 Census

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-01-09 16:15:00 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 30 Message: 30

Off-topic, but may be of interest to reflector members...

-- Wb sends.

WARNING: 2010 Census - Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers, by Susan Johnson

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist?

BBB offers the following advice:

** If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.

AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit
_
www.bbb.org <http://www.bbb.org/>_

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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31. New file uploaded to V-C-N

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-01-19 11:47:51 UTC
From: V-C-N@yahoogroups.com
Topic: 31 Message: 31

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the V-C-N
group.

File : /Standards/V-C-N.org,ops.sop.vftom.2009-02.25-1358.pdf
Uploaded by : kb6ujw <kb6ujw@...>
Description : Do You "V-F-T-O-M" ??

You can access this file at the URL:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/V-C-N/files/Standards/V-C-N.org%2Cops.sop.vftom.2009-02.25-1358.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/groups/original/members/forms/general.htmlfiles

Regards,

kb6ujw <kb6ujw@...>

32. Fwd: Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-04-30 17:28:50 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 32 Message: 32

I received this from another reflector. Forwarded here in case you are interested.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

-------- Original Message --------
If you want to follow the events and information from the Op Center in Louisiana you can visit:
<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com>

You can also sign up for the email updates as they role them out.

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33. New Additions...

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-05-06 19:57:12 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 33 Message: 33

Recently three new additions have been published to the V-C-N.org
"Resources" page:

2010-05.06-1245: ZR3-10AB Demobilization Form (ICS-221.ZR)
... This form is for ZR resources scheduled for demobilization.

2010-05.04-2213: ZR5-10AC-F Accident (Damage Assessment) Report
... This form can be used to document vehicle and property damage
information while deployed on a ZR incident, operation, activity or
exercise.

2010-05.03-1010: ZR0-07AE-G Command Section (ONLY) Completed
... The Incident Qualification System is now starting to take shape as
all P-codes in the the ZR1/Command Section are now documented.

As your time allows, click to:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/pages/resources,00.htm>

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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34. "COAX Connections" Issue 2010-06

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-06-01 19:25:29 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 34 Message: 34

The June issue for 2010 of the "COAX Connections" e-Zine has just been sent via confidential e-mail to all registered subscribers. If you did not receive your private copy, and are a member of this reflector, please contact me direct off-list.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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35. Academy Course "013" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-06-22 17:25:10 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 35 Message: 35

The slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 013 on the topic of
"Orientation to the V-C-N Academy is now available for viewing and comments.

Visit http://dev.V-C-N.org or the "quik clik" link below:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/013.htm>

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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36. Academy Course "034" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-06-22 18:04:39 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 35 Message: 36

The DRAFT slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 034 on the topic of
"Introduction to Emergency Communications - Checklists" is now available
for vieweing and comments.

Visit http://dev.V-C-N.org or use the "quik clik" link below:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/013.htm>

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37. Academy Course "041" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-06-22 18:53:53 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 37 Message: 37

The DRAFT slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 041 on the topic of
"Introduction to Standards" is now available for viewing and comments.

Visit http://dev.V-C-N.org or use the "quik clik" link below:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/041.htm>

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38. Academy Course "364" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-06-23 03:27:38 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 38 Message: 38

The DRAFT slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 364 on the topic of
"Field Incident Action Plan" is now available for viewing and comments.

Visit http://dev.V-C-N.org or use the "quik clik" link below:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/364.htm>

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39. ZRICS Safety Passport

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-07-20 21:50:57 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 39 Message: 39

The Volunteer Communications Network is proud to announce the draft of it's first ever "Safety Passport" publication focusing on safety topics and issues in the areas of Preparedness, Activation, Deployment and Recovery.

Each area (or section) features seven topics that must be presented or discussed prior to being "signed off" by a Category "Z" Qualification Specialist (ZR5Q) or designated individual within a ZR organization.

While changes and modifications to this draft version of the Safety Passport are expected as it is reviewed and suggestions are received and considered, this inaugural issue has been long in coming.

For details, click to:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr1/V-C-N.org,ZR1-07AB.htm>

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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40. Sign Library Update | 2010-08.06-2154

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-08-07 04:55:24 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 40 Message: 40

A new "P20" sign series have just been published to the V-C-N.org sign
library featuring:

-- Each sign = 8.50" x 11.0" size
-- Each file = four paper signs: Right, Left, Up, Down
-- P20A: "ZR1 Meeting" (Command Section)
-- P20B: "ZR2 Meeting" (Operations Section)
-- P20C: "ZR3 Meeting" (Planning Section)
-- P20D: "ZR4 Meeting" (Logistics Section)
-- P20E: "ZR5 Meeting" (Finance Section)
-- P20F: "ZR6 Meeting" (Incident Command Post Operations)
-- P20G: "ZR7 Meeting" (Staging Area Operations)
-- P20H: "ZR8 Meeting" (Category "Z" Radio Exercises)

Click to see:
<http://www.V-C-n.org/pages/signs,00.htm>

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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41. Library Update | 2010-08.26-0658

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-08-26 14:08:18 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 41 Message: 41

V-C-N.org document ZR0-07AF-M has just been updated and is now available
in convenient PDF format for viewing and download.

To view the document, click to:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/ZR0-07AF>

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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42. Happy Holidays

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2010-12-25 19:09:09 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 42 Message: 42

From our house to yours, here's wishing you and your family and loved ones the happiest of holidays and the absolute best for a happy, healthy 2011.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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43. HNY 2011

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-01-02 16:22:57 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 43 Message: 43

From our house to yours, Hiroko and I wish each of you, your family and loved ones the happiest, healthiest and safest 2011 New Year.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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44. Delete Action Date: 30 Apr 2011

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-11 14:49:51 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 44 Message: 44

Good morning...after long reflection, I have decided to delete this V-C-N reflector. There are many other resources on emergency and disaster preparedness, and I thank you for your joining this one.

See you "down the road" in the future...

Thank you.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

Wayne Barringer KB6UJW
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45. Re: [V-C-N] Delete Action Date: 30 Apr 2011

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-12 00:36:47 UTC
From: Jeff Moore
Topic: 44 Message: 45

Hi Wayne,

I was disappointed to read about your decision to discontinue this list!

Is it your plan to discontinue the newsletter as well?

If the list was a just a distribution network for the newsletter, I guess I can understand your reluctance to continue it.

Perhaps the list would benefit from an effort to promote actual discussions (something the lists are usually intended for). I would be more than happy to take over ownership/moderation of the list.

I beleive that there is an active need for such a list. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to have been any effort to promote discussions on the list, or to expand the membership of the list. I just checked and there are only 10 members. There are some lists that I am a member of that have thousands of members - so perhaps some promotion is in order?

Jeff Moore -- KE7ACY
Deschutes County ARES
Bend, Oregon

----- Original Message ----- From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER

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46. Re: [V-C-N] Delete Action Date: Indefinite

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 19:01:24 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 44 Message: 46

On 2011-04-11 05:36 PM, Jeff Moore wrote:
> Hi Wayne,
> I was disappointed to read about your decision to discontinue this list!
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> are only 10 members. There are some lists that I am a member of that
> have thousands of members - so perhaps some promotion is in order?
> Jeff Moore -- KE7ACY
> Deschutes County ARES
> Bend, Oregon

Good morning, Jeff...I'm terribly sorry it has taken so long for me to get back to you. Lots of "life" stuff happening at the current time...

First of all, thank you for your message. I started the Volunteer Communications Network as an "alternative" to the current RACES/ARES format because, with few exceptions, most are "waiting for disaster to strike" and (also) waiting for a call that usually does not come.

I have an ongoing concern that we are becoming increasing obsolete as DHS grants provide first responders with more "toys" and confidence they have sufficient resources and can operate without us. In many locations, first responders now work without assistance from emergency communicators because they are "untrained" and "unpredictable" and lack any "proven skills" that can be quickly and easily integrated into current operations.

The V-C-N represents an opportunity for emergency communications volunteers to use shared "common denominator" standards to develop and implement a viable, reliable supplemental resource based on ongoing training, personal and organizational development and testing.

To that extent, I have failed to succeed. I do not personally believe there is any replacement for local evaluation and certification. If the "local" first responders don't have confidence in emcomm resources, all of the "independent" evaluations and certifications won't mean a thing. All disasters are (first and foremost) a "local" incident, and it is the "local" EMAs and first responders that will either call or ignore emergency communicator resources.

I do, however, respect and share your opinion that is a place for the "V-C-N" reflector and, based on your e-mail, have promoted you to a moderator of the reflector and will delay indefinitely the delete action.

Change is not easy, and changing the emergency communications community will not be accomplished quickly. However, let's see where this whole thing goes....

Thank you again.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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47. Emergency Communicator Standards and Evaluations

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 19:13:35 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 47 Message: 47

Reflector member question:
Should emergency communicator proficiency levels be evaluated?

If so, how should the evaluation process be conducted?

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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48. Re: [V-C-N] Emergency Communicator Standards and Evaluations

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 19:40:20 UTC
From: Jeff Moore
Topic: 47 Message: 48

I think that before an evaluation of proficiency levels can be done, those proficiency levels need to be established and hopefully standardized upon.

I know in the State of Oregon as far as ARES/RACES goes there aren't any levels established that I am aware of. That may vary from county to county, but there aren't standards statewide. There are requirements for specific FEMA courses to be taken, and some levels of background checks, etc. but no proficiency standards set.

Once levels are set up and standardized upon, then an evaluation process can be set up.

There's been a discussion of this recently on another list that was interesting. Unfortunately, the discussion was somewhat off topic for that list so it died out.

Jeff Moore -- KE7ACY
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----- Original Message ----- From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER

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49. Of interest to UHF amateur radio operators

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 19:38:54 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 49 Message: 49

<http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0415/DA-11-675A1.pdf>

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-- Wb sends.

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50. 13,660 people listed as missing

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 19:57:28 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 50 Message: 50

Internet source:
<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/19_28.html>

Headline:
Death toll in Japan disaster exceeds 14,000

The death toll from the March 11th quake and tsunami and aftershocks in northeastern Japan has exceeded 14,000.

<SNIP>

The agency says 13,660 people are listed as missing, but that the number does not include those from Sendai City in Miyagi Prefecture, as authorities are currently checking for overlapping reports.

The agency says more than 136,000 people are still living at evacuation centers in 18 prefectures.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 18:54 +0900 (JST)

Question for reflector members:
With declining federal, state and local budgets...what role can (or should) emergency communication play in helping to locate lost or missing persons in a disaster area?

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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51. Re: [V-C-N] Emergency Communicator Standards and Evaluations

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 20:36:07 UTC
From: Pat Buder
Topic: 47 Message: 51

We have a program in Santa Clara County, CA, to certify EmComm skills rather than overall titles. Within each skill there are 3 levels of proficiency.

The skills are: Field Responder, Net Control Operator, Packet Operator, Shadow Communicator, and HF Operator.

The steps are: basic qualification, specific training, evaluation, and certification for that skill & level.

For example, you might earn Field Communicator level 2 (F2) and Net Control level 1 (N1). Cards are issued which indicate your certification(s).

A variety of documents on this program for Mutual Aid Communicators (MAC) are at:

http://www.scc-ares-races.org/mac/index.html

Pat Buder
AE6ZY

Re: [V-C-N] Emergency Communicator Standards and Evaluations

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 12:40 PM

From: "Jeff Moore" <tnetcenter@...>

To: V-C-N@yahoogroups.com

I think that before an evaluation of proficiency levels can be done, those proficiency levels need to be established and hopefully standardized upon.

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----- Original Message ----- From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER

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52. Re: [V-C-N] Emergency Communicator Standards and Evaluations (SCC MAC)

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-19 21:05:46 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 47 Message: 52

On 2011-04-19 01:36 PM, Pat Buder wrote:
> We have a program in Santa Clara County, CA, to certify EmComm skills rather
> than overall titles. Within each skill there are 3 levels of proficiency.

<SNIP>

> http://www.scc-ares-races.org/mac/index.html
>
> Pat Buder
> AE6ZY

Hello, Pat...I agree with you...the SCC "MAC" program is one you should be proud of and promote. I don't know if you remember or not, but several months ago KE6FUZ/Robb Queen and myself drove up from southern California to observe your (Morgan Hill) evaluation exercise. It was very impressive.

And I agree it is an excellent start. Unfortunately, many areas do not have the Santa Clara County city-county mutual aid concept, and I don't believe the neighboring counties have embraced the concept.

However, I greatly admire your SCC/MAC program and frequently refer to it during my presentations. In fairness to reflector members, the program primarily focuses on deployment operations functions, and not so much on the command, planning, logistics or finance functions. The documentation, as Pat indicates, is excellent for operations section functions and activities.

They are also supported by a county-supported web portal for announcing participation opportunities, which is very unique and definitely not common among the emergency communications community.

To their credit, my request to observe was instantly approved, everyone we met during the day was incredibly forthcoming to us, and their documentation is among some of the best I've seen. More importantly, however, proficiency is evaluated locally and is based on objective standards.

They instructed all participants to obtain permission before deploying and although the radio nets were very busy, the exercise featured the Morgan Hill EOC and two off-site evaluation locations. It was, and remains, a wonderful memory for both Robb and I.

Pat...hope everything is fine for you and your family.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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53. Amateur Radio Active in Texas Storms - Tonadoes (Breaking News)

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-04-26 22:50:50 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 53 Message: 53

Happening now:
<http://www.emergencystream.com/video_streams/TX/Dallas1.html>

2011-04.26-1550
(1550 hours)

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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54. Weekly Training Segments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-05-08 14:40:33 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 54 Message: 54

If anyone on this reflector is interested, V-C-N is in the process of creating a "training segment" series to supplement weekly radio nets. Many nets feature announcements, roll-call, maybe a "buy-sell-trade" section and the net is ended.

The V-C-N "training segment" series is designed to be approximately 15-20 minutes long to read and consists of pre-scripted documents created using a "plain text" editor (virus-free, small size). They are currently sent to all training officers or Qualification Specialists (Position Code = "ZR5Q") registered in the Category "Z" Radio Coordination System (ZRCS).

If anyone would like one sent to them, please contact me off-list.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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55. Web Site Relocated

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-05-08 14:45:06 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 55 Message: 55

About a week ago, the entire V-C-N.org, ZRICS.org and V-C-N.org Academy web sites were relocated. As a result, many of the Internet links to documents on these sites are wrong.

If you search on the Internet and discover the links no longer work, all documents and references from all three sites are available directly from:

Volunteer Communications Network:
<http://www.V-C-N.org>

Category "Z" Radio Incident Command System
<http://www.ZRICS.org>

V-C-N.org (Development) Academy:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org>

As the Internet crawlers and search engines "do their thing" the old links will slowly fall off and be replaced by the newer, updated links. Sorry about this inconvenience.

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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56. Fwd: Joplin Response - From the EOC

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-05-24 03:46:41 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 56 Message: 56

Good evening...I just received this and wanted to share it with those on the reflector...

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Joplin Response - From the EOC
Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 22:31:13 -0500

Hi all,

Just a quick update from the Joplin EOC. Been a busy couple of days; the IST Team that was deployed arrived around 9 PM Sunday night and we began operations immediately. We received some releif from the Tulsa IST Team at 10 AM; went and got a few hours of sleep and back at 6 PM for the overnight operational period.

As of right now, it looks like we have plenty of resources on scene (5 Rescue Task Forces, search teams, Ambulances, DMAT, DMORT, MONG, etc.) Please do not self deploy. We have had units from Western Kansas and South Dakota self deploy and show up at the EOC, causing us a multitude of issues.

The fatality and injury count continues to rise; and we fear that it may climb even higher during this operational period, and tomorrow's. We hope to complete primary and secondary searches of all divisions by the end of tomorrow afternoon's operational period. A very robust sheltering system has been established here and is housing many of the surviors.

Weather is still playing a key factor in operations, as we have had to withdraw search teams for their safety earlier this afternoon. We had 2 public safety personnel struck by lightening this afternoon; and we do not have a current status on these individuals.

The tornado literallly carved a path a 1/2 mile wide through the center of Joplin approximately 4 miles long; effectively flattening 1/3 of the city. In addition, St. Johns Hospital in Joplin suffered extereme damage; likely catastrophic. Engineering teams are attempting to determine if the structure can be rebuilt, however it does not appear promising. In addition, major damage occurred at the Wal-Mart, the Academy, and Home Depot; where major structural collapses have occurred. At least on of Joplin's Fire Stations also took a direct hit; they have salvaged what equipment they can and are carrying on.

All of the personnel here in the EOC are working their hardest to work this situation; even with the threat of more severe weather currently and through the next several days. This truly is a major response, with resources coming from MO, KS, AR, and OK. All of the teams and resources coming in to work have been phenomenal.

OEM Staff and Laclede County Public Safety Agencies: I know several of you have attempted to contact me via cell phone, text, or Facebook. Communications are still extremely limited, cell phone coverage is starting to come up somewhat, but is effectively nil.

At this point, it looks like our team will be demobilized Tuesday morning to return to our jurisdictions; and we will be turning operations over to the Region F IST Team.

Please keep the citizens, and public safety staff of Joplin and Jasper County in your prayers during this difficult times for them.

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Please excuse my spelling, as this was sent from my wireless device.

Jonathan Ayres, MoCEM
Director

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Laclede County Office of Emergency Management
Laclede County Government Center

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57. Category "Z" Radio Exercise (ZRX) Series | 2011-05.30-1959

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-05-31 03:05:13 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 57 Message: 57

The Category "Z" Radio Exercise Design Team (ZREDT) has just complete
the first of three DRAFT exercises (ZRX) focusing on preparing for,
responding to and recovering from a local incident.

There are three ZRX documents in this series:
-- ZRX-12-10AA: Soft Road Closures: Development Workshop
-- ZRX-13-10AA: Soft Road Closures: Tabletop (Presentation) Exercise
-- ZRX-21-10AA: Soft Road Closures: Drill Exercise

ZRX-21-10AA is a drill exercise with (simulated/actual) EOC support.

All of these documents are in DRAFT format but available in PDF via
e-mail upon request.

Happy Memorial Day, 2011...

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

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59. V-C-N.org Academy Course 533 | 2011-06.20-2027

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-06-21 03:39:44 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 59 Message: 59

The Volunteer Communications Network (V-C-N.org) Academy introduces the DRAFT slide show presentation and DRAFT program guide for Course #533 "Introduction to Qualification Specialist" (P-code "ZR5Q") as part of it's online course availability.

For additional information or viewing, click to:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org>

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60. Projects In Development | 2011-07.06-0608

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-07-06 14:51:43 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 60 Message: 60

Good morning...

Just wanted to advise all of you on the projects we are working on here at V-C-N.org headquarters, just in case you are interested.

Weekly Training Segments

This project focuses on providing interested organizations with a standardized script on selected topics. Each "segment" is about fifteen minutes long and provides radio net participants with educational information or serves as refresher updates for those organizations with active training programs.

Each "script" is sent to requesting members as they are created. The scripts are creating using a "plain text" editor and are sent as text files. There is no HTML coding used.

During the development phase, we are creating the segments and distributing them to requesting organizations. The scripts are created in no specific order during 2011. At the end of this year, we will reorganize the scripts and provide them in .ZIP format.

Incident Activation Records

The http://www.V-C-N.org web site now features a "ZR Incident Activation Record" page listing all incidents submitted by participating organizations with a ZRCS identifier. The ZRCS is assigned free of charge after an application is received.

Organizations with a valid ZRCS may submit their incident activation records for publication on the V-C-N.org web site.

Details on ZRCS Registry:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/t/zrcs/0.zrcs.htm> or direct to:
<http://vcnorg.ipage.com/digital/t/zrcs/0.zrcs.htm>

Listing of ZR-IAR's:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/pages/zrics.iar,00.htm> or direct to:
<http://vcnorg.ipage.com/pages/zrics.iar,00.htm>

Focus on ZR2F, ZR2R and ZR5Q

Although the current library of ZRICS documents will continue to be reviewed and updated (as necessary), the immediate focus is on completing the documentation for these positions:

ZR2F: ZR Field Communicator Specialist
ZR2R: ZR Communications Center Radio Specialist
ZR5Q: ZR Qualification Specialist (Training Officer)

As with all organizations, our human resources are limited and the primary "starting positions" within the ZR organizational and operational structures for field deployments is the basic radio operator. The position task book (PTB) for the ZR2R and ZR2F are in "Final Version" release and ready for use and implementation by participating organizations. The PTB for P-code "ZR5Q" is now "under draft" and should be released for review and comments within the next 30 days.

Personal Note: CAL FIRE (Major) Incident Command Team 7 (Type I) team is "on deck" for possible activations starting 0800 Monday, July 1. If the team is activated, I will likely get the call and be gone until the end of the incident. That absence will affect the final development of the PTB for P-code ZR5Q.

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61. Event After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP)

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-07-07 14:07:28 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 61 Message: 61

I am wondering if anyone on the list belongs to a group that documents their AAR/IP for incorporation into the next planning document, either for events or for emergency operations plans? If so, would it be possible for me to obtain a copy?

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62. V-C-N.org: Documentation Updates | 2011-07.15-0919

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-07-15 16:21:05 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 62 Message: 62

The "Resources" page on the http://www.V-C-N.org web site has just been updated. All updates are in the Category "Z" Radio Exercise (ZRX) section:

- ZR8-10AC -- ZR Tactical Exercise Station Sequencing Form (PDF)
- ZR8-10AG -- ZR Incident P-code/M-code Tracking Form
- ZR8-10AH -- ZR Exercise Abbreviations (PDF)

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63. Academy Course "043" | Request for Comments

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-07-31 14:34:26 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 63 Message: 63

The slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 043 on the topic of
"Standardized Notification-Activation System" is now available for
viewing and comments.

Visit <http://dev.V-C-N.org> or the "quik clik" link below:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/043.htm>

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64. Fwd: Correction: FEMA, FCC Announce Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-11-04 17:10:35 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 64 Message: 64

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Correction: FEMA, FCC Announce Nationwide Test of the
Emergency Alert System
Date: Fri, 04 Nov 2011 10:20:02 -0500
From: Ready Campaign <ready@...>
Reply-To: Ready Campaign <ready@...>
To: ki6ktq@...

CORRECTION: the test last 30 seconds, not 3 minutes and 30 seconds as previously indicated.

FEMA, FCC Announce Nationwide Test of the Emergency Alert System

/Similar to local Emergency Alert System tests, this test is scheduled for November 9, 2011/

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The national test will occur on Wednesday, November 9 at 9 a.m. (HAST) will last *30 seconds*.

The EAS is a national alert and warning system established to enable the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies. NOAA's National Weather Service, governors and state and local emergency authorities also use parts of the system to issue more localized emergency alerts.

Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio and television services and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

On November 9, the public will hear a message indicating that "This is a test." The audio message will be the same for both radio and television. Under the FCC's rules, radio and television broadcasters, cable operators, satellite digital audio radio service providers, direct broadcast satellite service providers and wireline video service providers are required to receive and transmit presidential EAS messages to the public. A national test will help the federal partners and EAS participants determine the reliability of the system and its effectiveness in notifying the public of emergencies and potential dangers nationally and regionally.

"A national test of our Emergency Alert System, with the vital communications support and involvement of participants, is a step towards ensuring that the alert and warning community is prepared to deliver critical information that can help save lives and protect property," said Damon Penn, FEMA's Assistant Administrator of National Continuity Programs. "Because there has never been an activation of the Emergency Alert System on a national level, FEMA views this test as an excellent opportunity to assess the readiness and effectiveness of the current system. It is important to remember that this is not a pass or fail test, but a chance to establish a baseline for making incremental improvements to the Emergency Alert System with ongoing and future testing. It is also important to remember that the Emergency Alert System is one of many tools in our communications toolbox, and we will continue to work on additional channels that can be a lifeline of information for people during an emergency."

"The upcoming national test is critical to ensuring that the EAS works as designed," said Jamie Barnett, Chief of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau. "As recent disasters here at home and in Japan have reminded us, a reliable and effective emergency alert and warning system is key to ensuring the public's safety during times of emergency. We look forward to working with FEMA in preparation for this important test."

Over the past two years and as part of ongoing national preparedness planning efforts, FEMA, the FCC and other federal partners, state, local, tribal and territorial governments, Emergency Alert System participants and other stakeholders have been working toward making this test a reality.

As the federal, state, tribal, territorial and local governments prepare for and test their capabilities, this event serves as a reminder that everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit> and emergency plan <http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan> for themselves, their families, communities, and businesses.

Anyone can visit <http://www.ready.gov> for more information about how to prepare for and stay informed about what to do in the event of an actual emergency.

For more information on this test visit: <http://www.fema.gov/eastest/>

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65. V-C-N.org Academy: Course Addition

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-11-29 20:45:12 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 65 Message: 65

The slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 043 on the topic of "Emergency Resource Directory (ERD)" is now available for viewing and comments.

The slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 043 on the topic of "Standardized Notification-Activation System" has been changed to Course 044 to match the Course Catalog.

Visit <http://dev.V-C-N.org> or the "quik clik" link below:
Course 043:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/043.htm>
Course 044:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/044.htm>

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66. [V-C-N] Documentation Library Update | 2011-12.01-0900

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-12-01 17:07:00 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 66 Message: 66

The Category "Z" Radio Development Team (ZRDT) announces a document
update has just been made to the < http://www.V-C-N.org > web site.

(UPDATED)
ZR3-11AA: Standardized ZR Incident Types
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr3/V-C-N.org,ZR3-11AA-M.pdf>

!! NEW !!
ZR3-11AB: Incident Demobilization Plan
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr3/V-C-N.org,ZR3-11AB.htm>

The incident demob plan is intended for use with the
ZR3-11AA: Incident Demobilization Form
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr3/V-C-N.org,ZR3-10AB.htm>--

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67. V-C-N.org Academy: Course Addition | 2011-12.11-1723

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-12-12 01:23:20 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 65 Message: 67

The slideshow for V-C-N.org Academy Course 015 on the topic of
"Introduction to Development & Proficiency" is now available for viewing
and comments.

Visit <http://dev.V-C-N.org> or the "quik clik" link below:
Course 015:
<http://dev.V-C-N.org/digital/h/015.htm>

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68. Documentation Update: ZR2-07AB-M | 2012-12.13-0442

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-12-13 12:53:37 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 68 Message: 68

The category "z" radio development team (ZRDT) has just published an update to the "ZR2-07AB" document memorandum. The updated document is in PDF format and available for download and printing by clicking to: <http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr2/V-C-N.org,ZR2-07AB-M.pdf>

Additional background information on incident safety requirements has been added to the original document, along with corrections to mistakes in protocol guidelines that appeared in the original publication.

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69. ZR5Q | T-2012-AA: "Status & Availability" | 2011.12.28-1513

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2011-12-28 23:17:20 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 69 Message: 69

The category "z" radio development team (ZRDT) has just published an "early release" to the 2012 Qualification Specialist (P-code = "ZR5Q") training series.

ZR5Q.T-2012-AA is in PDF format and available for immediately download from <http://http://www.v-c-n.org/goto/news>.

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70. ICS-226.ZR: Individual Performance Rating (Evaluation) Form

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2012-01-03 04:55:13 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 70 Message: 70

The category "z" radio development team (ZRDT) has just published the
immediate availability of the new "ZR4-11AB" document series.

The new series includes the ICS-226.ZR form, adapted from the ICS-226
form currently in the ICS library of standardized forms.

To download and/or view the new series, click to:
< http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/news >

From our house to yours, best wishes for a safe Happy New Year 2012.

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71. "COAX Connections" PDF: 2012-01

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2012-01-10 21:27:24 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 71 Message: 71

The Volunteer Communications Network has just published the inaugural
issue of the "COAX Connections" in digital PDF format. Issue 2012-01
can be downloaded from: <http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/news>

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72. Fwd: CHANGE in National Fire Academy Application Process Beginning April 15

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2012-01-19 13:56:57 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 72 Message: 72

Just received this in this morning's e-mail messages. Want to relay it as quickly as possible to maximize dissemination.

Be safe. Get Prepared. Stay ready.

-- Wb sends.

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: CHANGE in National Fire Academy Application Process Beginning April 15
Date: Thu, 19 Jan 2012 07:06:25 -0600
From: U.S. Fire Administration <usfa@...>

You are subscribed to the U.S. Fire Administrations General Training News e-mail list

Please reply to this message if you are experiencing technical difficulty. For all other inquiries, please Contact USFA <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/applications/feedback/index.jsp>.

Folks,

Each of us has heard of some organization – government or private – that experienced the loss or compromise of data due to hacking. Many of us have had our personal email accounts hacked. Unfortunately, hacking has become a ‘sport;’ simply a sign of the times. Aside from the ‘sport’ hackers, criminals have collected personal information from several different unrelated databases in order to assemble personal information to commit fraud. As a government agency, we are not immune to this potential; we’re required to protect personally identifiable information (PII).

This is a 3-month heads-up on a /_major change to the admissions process._/ In order to protect PII, we can no longer use Social Security numbers (SSAN) in our paper or on-line application process. We do, however, need a unique identifier that will allow us to record class registration, send acceptance and rejection notifications, provide stipend reimbursement (when appropriate), and record course performance and transcripts for “John Jones or Mary Jones.”

That unique identifier will be a FEMA Training Identification Number (FTIN). The explanation and process are provided on the How to Apply <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/ftin.shtm>
page on the NFA Website; the requirement applies to all FEMA academies / schools. I tried the process and timed myself, it took about 90 seconds. For those applicants without home or work access to the Web, they may

use a computer at a library.

Of course we realize that this change will cause headaches for students applying for classes ON and OFFCampus– 2 day, 6 day, 10 day and eventually Online classes. It will cause problems for our partners in State and local fire training, including all our staffs. This will take education, patience and understanding; we're going to do our best, and ask for everyone's cooperation.

I ask that you share this information with your students, subscribers, clients, members, organizations and list-serves. In order to ease the process, we're going to do everything we can to continuously advise and remind everyone of this upcoming change as we implement it beginning April 15th.

Again, the web address for this information is:
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/ftin.shtm>

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Superintendent
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Federal Emergency Management Agency
Department of Homeland Security

You are subscribed to General Training News for U.S. Fire Administration.

This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

The United States Fire Administration recommends everyone should have a comprehensive fire protection plan that includes smoke alarms, residential sprinklers, and practicing a home fire escape plan.

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73. OFF TOPIC: Beware of Phone Scam from (425) 998-1533 About Errors on Your Computer | SpywarePreventionGuy.com

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2012-01-20 21:13:35 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 73 Message: 73

<http://spywarepreventionguy.com/beware-of-phone-scam-from-425-998-1533-about-errors-on-your-computer>

I just received a call about ten minutes ago:
-- He identified me by my name.
-- He kept saying he was from Microsoft Technical Services, but would not provide his name.
-- The person (Indian accent!) told me to "go to my computer" now!
-- I asked him if he knew the IP address of the computer. He said "yes" and said it was 192.168.2.1
-- I told him I do not have that IP segment here.
-- He hung up.

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74. V-C-N.org Academy Course News & Update

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2012-01-26 06:28:37 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 74 Message: 74

During the last two days, six courses have been updated and six courses have been added. Two of these courses are brand new additions to the V-C-N.org Academy course catalog, which has also been updated.

Click to: <http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/academy> and select "Headlines" from the links at the top of the page.

Detailed information is provided, along with new course slideshow downloads and pre-requisites.

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75. New ZRCS Logo

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2012-01-26 16:46:00 UTC
From: KB6UJW Wayne BARRINGER
Topic: 75 Message: 75

The Volunteer Communications Network ZR Development Team (ZRDT) has released the newest in a series of standardized logos for V-C-N and ZRICS operations.

The Category "Z" Radio Coordination System (ZRCS) logo duplicates the red, white and blue colors of the V-C-N, V-C-N Academy and ZRICS, while also adding the "shaking hands" image depicting "mutual aid" and resource identification and management.

To view the newest addition to our logo series, click to:
<http://www.v-c-n.org/images/logos/seal.zrcs.2012.ca.150x150.htm>

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76. [V-C-N] "COAX Connections" e-Zine: 2013-Q1

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2013-03-01 21:37:06 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 76 Message: 76

The Volunteer Communications Network announces the inaugural issue of
the "COAX Connections" e-Zine for 2013 Quarter "1" is now available for
download from <http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/resources> web site.

The direct link is:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr1/V-C-N.org.ZR14.CC.13Q1.pdf>

:: V-C-N YahooGroups Reflector ::
The V-C-N reflector on YahooGroups has been re-activated to provide
discussion opportunities on emergency communicator and mutual aid
standards and to issue updates to new/updated documentation on the web
site.

Future issues will be announced on the V-C-N YahooGroups
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/V-C-N>
or you may check the "ZR Resources" page of V-C-N.org.

To receive future updates via the V-C-N YahooGroups reflector,
send a request to:
V-C-N-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
<mailto:V-C-N-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

:: ZRICS YahooGroups Reflector ::
The ZRICS reflector on YahooGroups is also being re-activated and will
be used to promote the Category "Z" Radio Incident Command System using
standardized structures, systems and forms to implement the ICS for
emergency communications (ZRICS or ICS.ZR).
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ZRICS>

To receive future updates via the V-C-N YahooGroups reflector,
send a request to:
ZRICS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
<mailto:ZRICS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

:: MAPS for Mutual Aid ::
V-C-N.org also features (document ZR0-0AH-G) "Minimal Acceptable
Performance Standards" (MAPS) implementation guide. It is also FREE!
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr0/V-C-N.org.ZR0-09AH-G.pdf>

Please note: All links are case sensitive.

Thank you for your interest in standards for emergency communications.

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77. "COAX Connections" e-Zine: 2013-Q2

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2013-06-30 19:21:39 UTC
From: KB6UJW BARRINGER Wayne
Topic: 77 Message: 77

The most recent (quarterly) issue of the COAX Connections e-Zine is now available for download and viewing.

This issue focuses on "Resource Management" and begins with how to identify both equipment and position resources using standardized ZRICS codes (E-codes and P-codes). It then highlights how to standardize your organization's resource status (RESTAT) reports and how to quickly obtain RESTAT information following incident notification. Finally, this issue covers how to mobilize resources using our "closest available resource" (CAR) strategy so incident resource needs can be met in the least amount of time.

Visit the < http://www.V-C-N.org > web site and the issue is published on our home page. If you need a copy of our 2013-Q1 issue, that's also available for download as well.

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78. QNCS Net Script

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-07 06:52:55 UTC
From: KB6UJW BARRINGER Wayne
Topic: 78 Message: 78

Thanks to a recent e-mail from member of Mission Viejo ACS/ARES, it was highlighted there was no Quake Net Control Station (QNCS) net script for use during an incident.

Thanks to K6HIV, that "error" has been corrected. Please click to: < http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr3/V-C-N.org.ZR3-09AD.htm >.

It is directly because of participating members both V-C-N and ZRICS continue to improve. Any feedback or suggestions is always welcome.

If you haven't already received notification, the most recent issue of the "COAX Connections" quarterly (2013-Q4) is now available from our home page: < http://www.V-C-N.org > or < http://www.ZRICS.org >

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80. [V-C-N] Change to Web Site

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-09 13:02:56 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 80 Message: 80

RE: Incident Name & Number Placard

The V-C-N.org web development team was notified of a duplication on the
web site and causing confusion among some users.

ZR3-10AF-F and ZR4-10AB-F was the SAME FORM. ZR3-10AF has now been
deleted and combined with ZR4-10AB.

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81. [V-C-N] New Academy Course 184 Available

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-15 14:43:06 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 81 Message: 81

The V-C-N.org (Development) Academy has just published Course 184,
Introduction to LC(E)S, focusing on escape routes during field
deployment operations. This course is an excellent source of material
to be presented at your next organizational meeting.

The direct link to the course is:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/academy/digital/h/184.htm>

This completes the entire LCES series for both V-C-N "mutual aid" and
category "z" radio ICS (ZRICS) candidates.

The completion of this compliments the publication of the downloadable
poster which can be displayed at meetings, posted in radio rooms and
used during the "safety message" at operational period briefings:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr1/V-C-N.org.ZR1-13AB-P.pdf>

The poster is also an excellent source of review material during regular
meetings, exercises and safety reviews.

For a listing of all V-C-N.org Academy courses now available:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/academy>

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82. Incident Deployment Checklist

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-19 17:57:44 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 82 Message: 82

The Volunteer Communications Network has just updated our deployment checklist by rearranging all position, personal and support items.

This "version" of the checklist includes those radio operators assigned both to field positions (ZRICS P-code: "ZR2F") and or incident communications center (ICC) positions (ZRICS P-code: "ZR2R").

The direct link to these updates is:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr2/V-C-N.org.ZR2-07AA.htm>

Added in this update is a downloadable version of the checklist created in Microsoft Word 2000 format. This allows interested radio operators who do not yet have a checklist to download the ".doc" file and get started on creating their own.

Emergency communications organizations are encouraged to create their own "minimal acceptable performance standards" identifying required or suggested items to be on the list based on the types of deployment assignments necessary to support their local agencies/organizations.

By creating your own checklist, it can be used to 1) prepare for potential deployment assignments and to 2) be updated during your assignment to reflect items that need to be replaced, repaired or replenished.

Those radio operators who assist local fire or other "information units" will see a special section at the end of the checklist with specific or specialized items. As always, radio operators deploying in this type of position should consult with your local agency or organizations to see if additional items are recommended.

It's still early in the New Year. If you don't already have your own checklists prepared, you still have time to get ready.

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83. New Academy Course 153 Available

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-19 21:19:50 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 83 Message: 83

The V-C-N.org (Development) Academy has just published Course 153, Field Information Centers, focusing on creating local information kiosks in smaller communities to provide residents and the general public with current, updated information when a large incident affects many different areas not typically covered by the mass media outlets.

Volunteer communications organizations should coordinate all efforts with local agencies both BEFORE (training) and DURING (sustaining operations and support) during an incident. Initial media training from the agency you are supporting will (likely) be required.

This course is an excellent source of material to be presented at your next organizational meeting.

The direct link to the course is:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/academy/digital/h/153.htm>

Interested organizations are invited to download the "Incident Information" sign from the "paper sign" library:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr4/signs/V-C-N.org.ZR4.sign.L12C.pdf>

The L12C series has four individual signs pointing right, left, up and down. The V-C-N recommends these be posted after being laminated based on the physical configuration at your local information kiosk.

For a listing of all V-C-N.org Academy courses now available:
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84. Emergency Checklists

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-22 23:30:51 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 84 Message: 84

The Volunteer Communications Network has recently updated two important
checklists for radio operators wanting to "be ready" when disaster
strikes.

1) Emergency Evacuation Checklist
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr4/V-C-N.org.ZR4-07AH-C.pdf>

Here is a partial list of ideas inside this checklist:
a) Point your car outside for safe, rapid escapes.
b) Fill up your vehicle as soon as the incident breaks.
(gas stations may run out or lose power later on.)
c) Take pictures of valuable before an incident happens.

2) Emergency Communicator Checklist
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr2/V-C-N.org.ZR2-07AA.htm>

a) Listing of recommended forms for both EOC and field positions.
b) Personal Emergency Contact List
c) Standardized radio scripts.

All this, and many more items -- all FREE!

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85. Update Provides New Training & Services Opportunity

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-24 00:54:57 UTC
From: KB6UJW BARRINGER Wayne
Topic: 85 Message: 85

The Volunteer Communications Network has just updated document
"ZR2-09AE-F" -- Document Reference (DR) Log.
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr2/V-C-N.org.ZR2-09AE.htm>

Now organizations supporting local public service events (PSE) can
increase their service offerings by asking the event sponsor if the
following reports would be helpful:

1) Missing Person / Child Report
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr2/V-C-N.org.ZR2-12AA-F.pdf>
2) Lost Item (such as car keys) Report
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr2/V-C-N.org.ZR2-09AD-F.pdf>
3) Non-Injury Traffic Accident Report
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr5/V-C-N.org.ZR5-10AC.htm>

This single log can be used by participating organization to provide a
unique document reference (DR) number similar to reports taken by law
enforcement and fire agencies.

Volunteer communications organizations offering PSE communications can
now offer additional services and provide a "unique" number by using
their Category "Z" Radio Coordination System (ZRCS) unique
organizational designator to create an incident number for each PSE
(CC.ST-ORG-000000) and combine it with the unique DR sequence documented
on the log.

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86. New "Picture" Series

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-26 02:37:56 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 86 Message: 86

The Volunteer Communications Network has just published a brand new
"picture series" for use by Qualification Specialists (P-code: "ZR5Q")
wishing to "test" the ability of their organizational radio operators
"view and report" capabilities.

In the fire services, they call this "report on conditions" (ROC) and it
is called "size up" in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

You can download the newest "picture" series by clicking to:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zrx/V-C-N.org.ZRX-PS.htm>

If you use either set, please post your results here on the reflector
along with any ideas you used to make the exercise more interesting.

I apologize if you received a "double" posting, but this message was
sent to both the V-C-N and ZRICS YahooGroups reflectors.

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87. New Academy Course 153 Now UPDATED!!

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-01-29 05:38:24 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 87 Message: 87

Based on agency input and recommendations, the V-C-N.org (Development) Academy has just updated Course 153, Field Information Centers.

Some information has been modified and new content has been added.

The updated files should be used instead of any previous slideshows downloaded for this course.

This course is an excellent source of material to be presented at your next organizational meeting, especially for those in rural or mountain areas.

The direct link to the course is:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/academy/digital/h/153.htm>

Sorry for any inconvenience, but all slideshow presentations should be considered in DRAFT format while under development.

For a listing of all V-C-N.org Academy courses now available:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/goto/academy>

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88. Power Grid Terrorism Planning Guide

Yahoo group: V-C-N
Date: 2014-02-06 19:27:09 UTC
From: KI6KTQ
Topic: 88 Message: 88

The V-C-N.org (Development) Academy announces the publication of the
"Power Grid Terrorism Planning Guide" in draft format.

This publication is subject to modification in the future due to content
updates and/or changes. Users are cautioned in advance to review the
document with the understanding it is likely to be changed in the future.

Click here to view the document:
<http://www.V-C-N.org/digital/zr3/V-C-N.org.ZR3-14AA-G.pdf>

If you have any input recommendations, we would love to hear from you.

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